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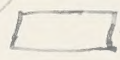
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Dear Sir

I have seen your name in "The American Weekly" as a man who has a very good knowledge of old coins. I have some very old ones found in our garden in Kanchi, Chota Napore, India, when digging for a well, many feet below the surface. My Father sent a collection of these & some curious beads found with them to Mr. Coates then Curator of the Calcutta Museum, some 45 years ago.

He said he had never seen or heard of anything like them before & in his opinion the coins were some of the first ever used in India & probably about 5000 years old with a Sanskrit inscription. He is dead now I believe & the present Curator is rude enough not to answer the two letters I wrote to him.

Then wrote to the Superintendent of the
Archaeological Survey, Central Circle,
Patna, who referred me to Mr S.C. Roy of
Rauchi who is in charge there. I have writ-
ten twice to this man & he too will not answer.
I have a chance to sell some of these here
at a good price if I can guarantee their
age. Do you think you can help me, &
would you make any charge for exam-
ining them & giving their date.
Does your Society buy any old coins?
These are this shape  & of pure silver
very soft. I have coins from all over India
& some lumps of copper used as such from
out of the way districts, also some very
thin copper ones given to me by an officer
who was visiting our Regiment, who was
in charge of the embankment thrown
round the Fort at Luckna. One of the
workmen found a jar full 40 feet
below ground. I don't know if they are
Persian or Afghan, so you see how in-
terested I am in coins. I am only think-
ing of selling these to help my son who is
sick, & times are so hard here just now.
Trusting to hear from you
Yours sincerely
Mrs L. E. Bush.

March 17, 1933.

Mrs. A. E. Bush
Arran, Sask.
Canada.

Dear Madam:

We are very much interested in Indian coins and have a large collection. However, no coins were made in India further back than about 400 B. C. These are small flat silver coins filled with small punch marks. Most of them were square or odd shaped, rather than round. Most of the coins found in India date from the Christian era. Unfortunately I am going to be away beginning next week for about two months and no one else here knows anything about Indian coins. I would be glad to hear from you any time after the end of May.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator